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Gary:

I just received the final figures for the construction project. With the receipt of this information, I can finally and officially congratulate you on a fine job. It is one thing to get what you want from a contractor; it is something else to get it at a fair price. I had concerns that we would end up in a protracted fight with the contractor and end up paying far too much. Had this been the case, it would have dampened the enthusiasm we all shared at the time of the initial occupation and subsequent bringing "on-line" of all bureau functions. I can honestly say that I am pleasantly surprised by the final figures. We got what we wanted at a fair market price.

As you assume your new duties, you can take great pride in what you accomplished. My only disappointment is that I did not have this information at the time of your Headquarters visit so that I could have personally congratulated you. Nevertheless, I am compelled to capture these remarks in writing so that they can be placed in your file.

There are a lot of project starters around, but few finishers. I like finishers! Thanks from all of us.

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